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# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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## Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

**Common name** Santa Barbara County Sheriff

**Abbreviation** SBSO

Patch of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

Flag of Santa Barbara County, California

**Motto** *"Keeping the Peace Since 1850"*

### Agency overview

**Formed** 1850 [\[1\]](#)

**Employees** 640 (2012) [\[2\]](#)

**Annual budget** US\$112,730,087 (2012) [\[2\]](#)

**Legal personality** Governmental: [Government agency](#)

### Jurisdictional structure

**Operations** County of [Santa Barbara](#) in the state of [California](#), [United States of America](#)

**jurisdiction \*** County of [Santa Barbara](#) in the state of [California](#), [United States of America](#)

Map of Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office's jurisdiction.

**Size** 2,745 sq mi (7,110 km<sup>2</sup>) [2]

**Legal jurisdiction** Santa Barbara County, California

**General nature** Law enforcement  
Civilian agency

#### Operational structure

**Headquarters** Goleta, California

**Agency executive** Bill Brown, Sheriff

**Regions** 5  
Cuyama  
Goleta  
Isla Vista  
Santa Maria  
Santa Ynez

#### Facilities

**Stations** 7  
Buellton  
Goleta  
Isla Vista  
Lompoc  
New Cuyama  
Santa Maria  
Santa Ynez

**Helicopters** 4

#### Website

[www.sbsheriff.org](http://www.sbsheriff.org)

#### Footnotes

\* **Divisional agency:** Division of the country, over which the agency has usual operational jurisdiction.

**Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (SBSO)** provides law enforcement for the [unincorporated areas](#) of [Santa Barbara County, California](#), as well as several cities within the county. The [cities](#) that the

Sheriff's Office provides police services for include [Buellton](#) , [Carpinteria](#) , [Goleta](#) and [Solvang](#) .<sup>[4]</sup> In total the 640 full-time employees of the Sheriff's Office are responsible for 2,745 square miles (7,110 km<sup>2</sup>) of the county.<sup>[5]</sup>

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## History [edit]

Founded in 1850, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office is the oldest law enforcement agency in the state.<sup>[1]</sup> In its early days, the department battled outlaws [Salomon Pico](#) and [Jack Powers](#) . Initially having a single Sheriff, aided only by a jailer and guard in charge of the chain gang, the department now has over 600 full-time employees.

## Organization [edit]

### **North County Operations Division** [edit]

The North County Operations Division starts at the [Gaviota Tunnel](#) and extends north to the [San Luis Obispo County](#) line as well as east to the [Kern County](#) and [Ventura County](#) lines. The division has patrol stations in [Buellton](#) , [Lompoc](#) , [New Cuyama](#) , [Santa Maria](#) and [Solvang](#) .<sup>[6]</sup>

## South County Operations Division [edit]

The South County Operations Division boundaries extend south from [Gaviota Tunnel](#) to the [Ventura County](#) line and west, from the crest of the [Santa Ynez Mountains](#) to three islands in the [Santa Barbara Channel](#) with patrol stations in [Carpinteria](#), [Goleta](#) and [Isla Vista](#).<sup>[6]</sup>

### Rank structure [edit]

Title	Insignia
Sheriff	
Undersheriff	
Chief Deputy	
Commander	
Lieutenant	
Sergeant	
Senior Deputy	
Deputy	

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